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SECURITY COMMITTEE
COMPARTMENTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

29 APR 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, DCI Security Committee

SUBJECT: Annual Report of the DCI Security Committee
Compartmentation Subcommittee

Attached is the annual report of the DCI Security Committee Compartmentation Subcommittee for 1982.

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DCI Security Committee

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Compartmentation Subcommittee
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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE (DCI)

SECURITY COMMITTEE (SECOM)

COMPARTMENTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY THROUGH 31 DECEMBER 1982

☐ EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. The basic mission of the Compartmentation Subcommittee is to provide technical guidance and recommendations on Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) physical and administrative security matters. Subcommittee efforts during this period were largely concerned with the updating of DCID 1/7, DCID 1/19, and DCID 1/20 and other miscellaneous tasks assigned by the Chairman, DCI SECOM.

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1. ☐ Authority and Mission of the Compartmentation Subcommittee. The DCI SECOM Compartmentation Subcommittee was established pursuant to DCID, Security Committee, effective 15 July 1982. Its basic mission is, through the DCI SECOM, to:

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a. Develop and recommend technical guidance for the establishment, maintenance and improvement of coordinated Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) systems.

b. Formulate, coordinate, maintain and promulgate technical guidance for use in the administration of SCI controls at all echelons of Intelligence Community organizations, both domestic and overseas, including consultants and contractor support activities to include: Access approval criteria and employment in hazardous duty areas; physical security; document identification, handling, accountability and destruction; and ADP and associated materials.

c. Furnish technical guidance and assistance to the COMIREX and SIGINT Committees, and to the Executive Agents of other SCI programs in connection with their sanitization, downgrading, declassification and decontrol responsibilities.

d. Review and survey the security standards, practices and procedures used by Intelligence Community organizations and their contractors in relation to approved SCI policies, procedures and controls; and make recommendations for practical improvements.

e. Recommend to the DCI security policy relative to foreign government participation in US SCI activities.

f. Recommend security policies governing the release or disclosure of SCI to the public, foreign governments or international organizations in which the US participates.

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2. ☐ Identification of Agency Providing Chairman and Staff. The Chairman (Colonel George J. Mercuro) and Executive Secretary (Mr Roger D. Smith) have been provided by the Department of the Air Force. The Subcommittee has no other staff members, per se.

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3. ☐ Extent of Intelligence Community Participation. All Intelligence Community agencies and departments represented on the Subcommittee wholeheartedly supported its mission and were responsive in fulfilling their individual tasks. The Subcommittee currently consists of representatives from the following Intelligence Community agencies and departments:

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Central Intelligence Agency

Defense Intelligence Agency

National Security Agency

Department of State

Department of Energy

Department of Justice

Department of the Army

Department of the Navy

Department of the Air Force

Office of Space Systems, Department of the Air Force

DCI SECOM Staff (Observer)

NOTE: Membership on the Subcommittee by other agencies and departments represented on the DCI SECOM would be welcomed at any time.

4. ☐ Principal Activities. Five meetings of the full Subcommittee were held during this reporting period. In addition to these meetings, there was a significant exchange of information and coordination on other matters among members which was driven by their Subcommittee association. During 1982, the Compartmentation Subcommittee was involved in the following activities:

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for several weeks and forwarded a proposed revision to the Chairman, SECOM, in October 1982. With the exception of the NSA member, the SECOM concurred. However, because the NSA comments were extensive, the Subcommittee was tasked to reconvene and provide recommendations on the NSA comments by early January 1983.

The Subcommittee was also tasked to survey its members concerning experiences under DCID 1/20 [redacted]

[redacted] This task was completed in August 1982 and a report submitted to the Chairman, SECOM.

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b. [redacted] Security Controls on the Dissemination of Intelligence Information.

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The Compartmentation Subcommittee was also directed to review the extant DCID 1/7, same subject, as part of the NFIB project of updating all DCIDs. The Subcommittee deliberated this matter for several weeks and forwarded a proposed revision to the Chairman, SECOM, in October 1982. Similar to action on DCID 1/20, the Subcommittee was tasked to reconvene and provide recommendations on NSA comments by early January 1983.

c. [redacted] Security Policy Manual for SCI Control Systems.

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The Compartmentation Subcommittee had spent much of 1981 revising DCID 1/19, same subject. This action continued through the spring of 1982 and consisted primarily of resolving comments submitted by SECOM principals on the January 1982 draft proposed by the Subcommittee. Issues raised by the SECOM principals were discussed during April 1982 meetings of the Subcommittee. All were resolved except for five matters which were remanded to the SECOM itself for decision. These issues were subsequently resolved by the SECOM and the Security Policy Manual was published by the DCI with an effective date of 28 June 1982.

d. [redacted] Access to SCI By Contractors Performing Service Functions.

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In July 1982, the Subcommittee was tasked to address the security implications of contracting out services previously performed by US Government personnel. Case in point was the provisions of OMB Circular No. A-76, 29 March 1979, which directed that all Government agencies and departments contract out as many services as possible. The Compartmentation Subcommittee noted that there were significant risks to national security in contracting out security services such as operation of telecommunications centers, automated data systems or other facilities when this permits broad contractor access to all-source of other sensitive intelligence information.

This concept was subsequently approved by the DCI and was incorporated in the revised version of DCID 1/7 mentioned in b, above.

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5. ☐ Major Accomplishments. The major accomplishments of the Compartmentation Subcommittee are basically as detailed in paragraph 4, above.

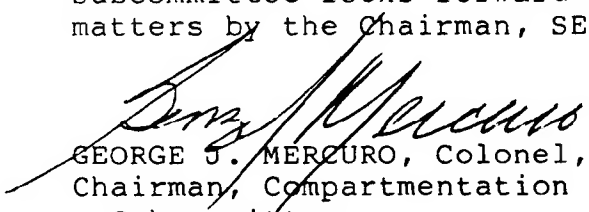
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6. ☐ Highlights of Work in Progress. This is also as described in paragraph 4, above.

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7. ☐ General Work Plan for 1983. In addition to the completion of matters already discussed above, the Compartmentation Subcommittee looks forward to any and all tasking on security matters by the Chairman, SECOM.

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